

wherein, when in an operative position, the resection head is located within a body lumen with the elongate flexible body extending through the body lumen to a naturally occurring body orifice;

an imager which remains outside the patient's body, the imager generating image data of a selected region within the patient's body including a predetermined portion of tissue marked for resection;

an image processing unit analyzing the image data to define a region of tissue to be resectioned and to locate the marker; and

a control unit controlling the resection head based on the defined region of tissue and the location of the marker to resect the region of tissue.

34. (New) The system according to claim 33 wherein the imager includes a fluoroscope and an x-ray imaging sensor.

35. (New) The system according to claim 33 wherein the marker is radiopaque.

36. (New) The system according to claim 33 wherein the defined region of tissue and the location of the marker are displayed on a video display coupled with the control unit.

37. (New) The system according to claim 33 wherein the control unit disables the resection head if the marker indicates that the resection head is oriented outside the defined region of tissue.

38. (New) The system according to claim 33 further comprising an

alarm device wherein the control unit transmits an alarm signal to the alarm device when the marker indicates that the resection head is oriented outside the defined region of tissue.

39. (New) The system according to claim 38 wherein the alarm device generates a visual alarm on the video display.

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cancel* 40. (New) The system according to claim 33 wherein the imager is a magnetic resonance imager.

41. (New) The system according to claim 33 wherein the control unit determines the defined region of tissue by an absolute measure of tissue.

42. (New) The system according to claim 33 wherein the control unit determines the defined region of tissue by a percentage of a physical dimension of the lesion.

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 32 have been cancelled in this application and new claims 33 - 42 have been added. Therefore, claims 33 - 42 are now pending in this application. Based on the above amendments and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable.

The Examiner had rejected the previously pending claims based on Kreizman (U.S. Pat. No. 6,214,018) alone or in combination with Aida (U.S. Pat. No. 5,485,839) or Guo (U.S. Pat. No. 6,151,521).

It is respectfully submitted that these references do neither anticipate nor render obvious the presently pending